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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Lois Jean Russell of Gladstone, who passed away on May 3, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Lois Russell was born on November 6, 1924 to Fay and Ruby Painter Burkhart; she graduated from Dallas City High School in 1942 as the salutatorian; she then graduated from Gem City Business College in Quincy; and

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WHEREAS, After graduation, Lois Russell worked at Camp Ellis near Macomb; she married Delmar Briscoe Russell in Dallas City on July 18, 1943; later, she worked for the LaHarpe Creamery, the Gladstone Grain Company, and the Gulfport River Terminal; she sold Pioneer Seed Corn as well as being a full-time mother and homemaker; and

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WHEREAS, Lois Russell enjoyed knitting and made many baby blankets for her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren; she loved vegetable and flower gardening and solving crossword and jigsaw puzzles; she also enjoyed playing cards with family, friends, and neighbors, and belonged to many clubs; she was a member of Gladstone United Methodist Church, the Order Of The Eastern Star, and the Red Hat Club; and

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1 WHEREAS, Lois Russell was preceded in death by her husband,
2 Delmar; her parents; her sister, Betty Shaw; 2 grandchildren;
3 and one great-grandchild; and

4 WHEREAS, Lois Russell is survived by her 3 sons, Fay
5 (Suzanne) Russell, Gail (Diane) Russell, and Larry (Pat)
6 Russell; her 4 daughters, Delma (Nick) Plackett, Nancy (Larry)
7 Gapen, Janet (Lloyd) Russell-Jacobs, and Harriet Russell; her
8 18 grandchildren; and her 29 great-grandchildren; therefore,
9 be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
12 Lois Jean Russell, and extend our sincere condolences to her
13 family, friends, and all who knew and loved her; and be it
14 further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to the family of Lois Russell as an expression of our
17 deepest sympathy.